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Pre Patent Application of)	Mail Stop Amendment
Tadashi Kitamura et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1733
Application No.: 10/069,048)	Examiner: STEVEN D MAKI
Filed: February 21, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 9296
For: SEALANT MATERIAL FOR PLASTIC)	
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY CELLS)	
INCLUDING TWO-COMPONENT)	
EPOXY RESIN COMPOSITION)	

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b)

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Sir:

On April 21, 2005, applicants telephoned the Examiner in the referenced matter to inquire as to the status of Information Disclosure Statements filed on January 27, 2005 and March 23, 2005, and to confirm whether prior art identified in those Statements had been considered. The substance of the discussion was directed to whether or not the references had been considered, and whether applicants could expect to receive an Examiner-initialed copy of the applicants' Disclosure Statement.

As indicated in the Interview Summary, the claims discussed include 3, 4 and 6-14. Those claims were discussed only with regard to the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements previously submitted. Applicants did not make any substantive arguments directed to the allowability of the claims, indeed a notice of allowability had been outstanding at the time of the interview. Consequently, no specific prior art was discussed, and no proposed amendments were presented. Likewise, no arguments were made or presented by applicant as to the allowability of such claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing complies and satisfies the requirements of §1.133(b). If, however, the Examiner perceives the need for any further statements or information to be made of record, the Examiner is encouraged to contact

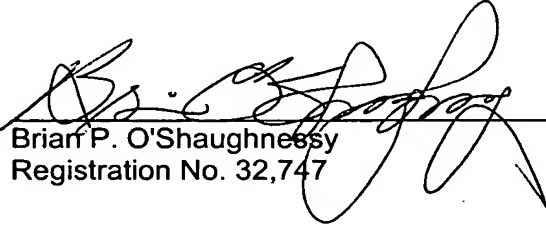
applicants' attorney at the number provided below. Such informal communications will expedite examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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